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1. Bulgarian Navy vessels:

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- a. One Soviet-made destroyer;
- b. Three or four German-made torpedo boats approximately 30 meters long and 10 meters wide; the boats have two guns near the commander's bridge, and two torpedo tubes;
- c. Two Soviet-made minesweepers;
- d. Approximately 25 patrol boats with Diesel engines; these boats are armed with heavy machine guns;
- e. Ten or 15 old wooden Diesel-powered minesweepers of approximately 250 tons displacement;
- f. Thirty or 40 cutters, each approximately 15 meters long and four or five meters wide, armed with machine guns; and
- g. A training boat, the ASEN, a prewar vessel.

2. The Bulgarian Danube Fleet, with headquarters in Ruse, includes the following vessels:

- a. Two old German-made torpedo boats;
- b. One minesweeper, made by reconverting the German towing vessel (sic) DONAU; and
- c. Four or five patrol boats armed with one or two machine guns and two anti-aircraft machine guns.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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3. [redacted] the following Bulgarian Navy officers serving in Varna: 25X1
- a. Lieutenant Colonel Boris Popov, MO. a prewar naval officer; member of the [redacted] 25X1
 - b. Major Emil Zechev, [redacted] serving as professor of tactics at the Naval School; [redacted]
 - c. Captain Zdravko Sapundzhiev, [redacted] serving in the Transportation Section of the Bulgarian Navy headquarters; [redacted] and [redacted] 25X1
 - d. Captain Ivan Chavdarov, [redacted] now training in the USSR. 25X1
4. [redacted] the following restricted zones in Varna: 25X1
- a. At Nos Galata (N 43-10 E 27-57), approximately four kilometers southeast of Varna, there is a restricted zone approximately five kilometers long; [redacted] the following installations within this restricted area: 25X1
 - (1) Coast Artillery pieces located approximately 400 meters from the Lazuren Breg Restaurant, formerly the Karantina Villa; a few meters south of these pieces, there is an antiaircraft gun emplacement with 18 mm. (sic) pieces;
 - (2) Approximately 2.5 kilometers south of the artillery pieces near the Lazuren Breg Restaurant, there is an antiaircraft gun emplacement with approximately 30 antiaircraft guns; and
 - (3) Several hundred meters northwest of the village of Galata there are barracks used for housing the men of the antiaircraft units during their summer training;
 - b. At Ribarska Khisha (Fisherman's Hut), approximately four kilometers northeast of Varna, there are coast artillery emplacements within a restricted area approximately 500 meters long and 200-300 meters wide;
 - c. Approximately four kilometers northeast of Ribarska Khisha, there is a restricted zone with two searchlights;
 - d. A restricted zone located near the Sveti Konstantin Monastery (N 43-14 E 28-02), includes emplacements for antiaircraft guns and two searchlights; a few hundred meters west of the Monastery, there are barracks for an Interior Troops battalion, composed of approximately 600 men;
 - e. A restricted zone, approximately four kilometers long and 500-600 meters wide, located approximately 13 kilometers north of Varna, includes coast artillery emplacements, antiaircraft guns, and searchlights; and
 - f. A restricted zone, located several hundred meters south of Varna, includes emplacements for antiaircraft guns.
5. Other restricted zones were located at Kranevo (N 43-21 E 28-02), approximately 33 kilometers north of Varna,¹ and at Chatal Tash (sic), approximately 50 kilometers northeast of Varna. At this latter location, construction of new installations was underway in the spring of 1952.

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6. A seaplane base is located at Chayka, approximately five kilometers west of Varna. Four single-engine biplanes and two single-engine monoplanes are based here.
7. Trudovaks have started work on the construction of five rows of trenches starting at the village of Blatnitsa, (N 43-40 E 28-32), and extending to Shabla (N 43-31 E 28-33), Obrechiste (Teche), (N 43-24 E 28-03), Kavarna (N 43-26 E 28-20), Balchik, Varna, Stara Oryakhovo (N 42-59 E 27-51), Byala (N 42-53 E 27-54), Nos Emine (N 42-42 E 27-54), Pomorie (N 42-33 E 27-39) and Burgas. The trenches are approximately 1.5 meters deep, 40 centimeters wide at the bottom, and 70 centimeters wide at the top. Emplacements for machine guns were being prepared in these trenches.
8. The Naval School of Varna, attended by approximately 600 cadets, is located at the corner of Karadzha and Bratya Miladinovi Streets, in Varna. The training course given here lasts four years. A portion of the school is located in the building situated at the corner of Petur Karavelov and Lyuben Karavelov Streets.
9. In 1951, a naval school was established for boys approximately 10 years old who have completed elementary school. This school is located on the corner of Bratya Miladinovi and Lyuben Karavelov Streets and includes approximately 300 students.
10. Numerous Soviet technicians and instructors have been assigned to the various Army and Navy units and to government industrial enterprises in Varna. A certain Izvorski, a Soviet national, has been the Chief of the Political Department of the Bulgarian Navy since 1950. 25X1
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11. The families of ten Soviet technicians are living in the building of the 1 Cooperative ("Chayka") on Georgi Dimitrov Street, formerly Slivnitsa Street. Three or four Soviet families are living in the house formerly owned by a certain Primatorovo, near the Musala Hotel. The "Soviet Club" is located on Georgi Dimitrov Street, near the boys' gymnasium. The club is exclusively for Soviet personnel. 25X1

1. Comment:
Kranevo is located 19 kilometers northeast of Varna. 25X1

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